

EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST STOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 3rd MARCH 2011

PRESENT	Cllr Karen Barnes, Vice Chairman Cllr Tib Axon Cllr Damian Cullinane Cllr Christine Evans
APOLOGIES	Cllr Rebecca Cady, Cllr Neill Child, Cllr Barry Quinn (District Cllr)
IN ATTENDANCE	County Cllr Mike Lovell PCSO Stuart Hann 12 Members of the Public Mrs Julie Wright (Parish Clerk)

1 Public Participation Time

Mrs Topp reported that at the bend just after Wood Street there is a large puddle on the corner which causes traffic to avoid this and drive on the other side of the road. The Clerk will contact Mrs Johnson the Wool Parish Clerk and report this matter to her.

Due to an accident last winter the gates on the southern side of Rushton Crossing are difficult to open.

The Clerk will report this problem to Network Rail.

Mr Adrian Naylor stated that North Dorset who had refused the planned Wind Farm at Silton had woken up to the fact that Wind Farms only provide subsidies for land owners. Purbeck District Council (PDC) should liaise with North Dorset and see their wind data. It is planned to fly a blimp (a giant helium balloon) to the height of the tip of the turbine so that the sheer scale of these turbines can be visualised. This will take place at Rogers Concrete on March 17th, 18th and 19th. A letter is to be written to Ms Downton about the blimp and to inform the Planning Board members of this event.

Mr D Cullinane said that the Parish Councillors at Silton had managed to get hold of wind data. The response was that wind data is available on the internet.

A letter was read from Mr Wright regarding the application to station agricultural mobile home (renewal) 6/2011/0116. Mr Wright had been experiencing extreme difficulties in obtaining an electricity supply from Southern Electricity and that he was still engaged in the production and sale of free range eggs.

2 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Rebecca Cady, Cllr Neill Child, and Cllr Barry Quinn.

3 Declarations of personal or prejudicial interest in any items on the agenda

Cllr Barnes declared a personal or prejudicial interest in agenda item 7 a) 6/2011/0058. Mrs Wright declared her interest in agenda item 7 c) 6/2011/0116.

4 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3rd February 2011

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd February were approved and signed.

5 Matters arising from the above minutes

Public Speaking at Planning Board meetings.

Cllr Barnes and others raised concerns over this at PDC's meeting. PDC has resolved to set up a policy development panel to review the public participation period at Planning Board meetings. This will include consultation with Parish and Town Councils. For the time being the public speaking at the start of Planning Board meetings will continue.

6 Clerk's report on actions from last meeting

The Chairman read out the Clerk's report, a copy of which is below.

- a) Mr Maxwell was invited to a Parish Council meeting but he is unable to attend.

Mr Maxwell replied to the concerns raised at the last meeting 'To briefly answer your questions about the East Stoke land, a Management Plan for the land is currently being drawn up by officers from the EA and Natural England. This will give clear guidance on what will be done on the land over the next few years to achieve the objectives for which the land was purchased. Some initial maintenance work has already been completed such as fence repairs, scrub clearance, hedge cutting and Health and Safety tree management adjacent to Church Lane. The plan will determine what if any ditch management will occur in the future. The plan will not be available till April at the earliest.

Colleagues and Mr Maxwell are aware of the groundwater concerns in the East Stoke area and have been in frequent conversation with a resident at East Stoke.

There is a Public exhibition at Wareham Town Hall on 9th March regarding the Poole Bay, Poole Harbour and Wareham Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy.

In April/May there will be a briefing meeting with all Parish Council Chairpersons in the Frome Catchment (Dorchester to Wareham) to discuss the River Frome Rehabilitation Plan in more detail, highlighting the objectives and discussing any related issues. The EA should have an information pack available to hand over which contains useful information for riparian owners and background on some of the likely works on the river in the coming years.

- b) An email was sent to Ms Downton regarding fencing using pallets.

Ms Downton's response:

'I have spoken to Alan Davies about this. His response is as follows: The Town and Country Planning Acts allow the council to control the finished **height** of a gate, fence, wall or other means of enclosure, but not its materials, design, colour or method of construction irrespective of whether it is located within the AONB or not.'

Barry Quinn was to follow this up at PDC.

- c) Libraries – an email regarding a DCC meeting to discuss the report on the Library Service regarding the petitions received against the closure of Dorset libraries. No further information about this meeting.

As Cllr Barnes had to leave the room for the next item Cllr Barnes asked for nominations for Chairman.

It was proposed by Cllr Evans that Cllr Cullinane chaired the next item. This was seconded by Cllr Axon and unanimously approved.

Cllr Barnes withdrew from the meeting. Cllr Cullinane took the Chair.

7 Planning Applications

- a) **6/2011/0058** - Manor Farm, East Stoke, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 6AW. Erect agricultural hay barn.

No objection.

Chairman Cllr Barnes returned.

- b) **6/2011/0112** - Holme Lane (Luckford Cottage), East Stoke, BH20 6AP. Erect single storey rear extension and carry out repairs to existing outbuilding
No plans have been received for this application. The Clerk contacted the planning department and was given the response that this application is a formal application for a certificate of lawfulness for permitted development rights. The Parish Council do not need to comment as it is decided by the planning officer.

Cllr Quinn had sent information about this application. The planning officer is seeking clarification on what has been previously extended and will be visiting the site.

- c) **6/2011/0116** - Holme Lane (Charlecote), East Stoke, BH20 6AP. Station agricultural residential caravan (renewal).
The Clerk asked if the Cllrs wanted her to leave the room. It was agreed that the Clerk could stay while this item was discussed.

There are no objections to granting a year's renewal of the mobile home but would want a planning officer to check that work was being carried out on the bungalow. These comments will be submitted by Cllr Barnes.

8 Update on previous planning applications

- a) **Appeal A (6/2010/0163): Appeal Ref: APP/B1225/A/10/2130974** - Land at Holme Lane, East Stoke, Wareham, Dorset BH20 6AP. The development proposed is erection of site amenity building comprising: dish washing/laundry room; male and female toilet facilities; disabled toilet/shower room and reception office. **This appeal has been allowed** by the planning inspector with conditions.

Appeal B (6/2010/0208): Appeal Ref: APP/B1225/A/10/2131195 - Land at Holme Lane, East Stoke, Wareham, Dorset BH20 6AP. The development proposed is change of use to permit: (a) use of the entire site edged red for camping, caravanning and associated activities 365 days per annum for up to 60 pitches (excluding a 4-metre buffer zone hatched GREEN on the plan along the common boundary with Hill View Farm); (b) siting of 20 long-stay caravans on the area hatched BROWN on the plan between 1 March and 31 October inclusive annually; (c) outdoor storage of boats, caravans etc on the area hatched BLUE on the plan.

This appeal has been **dismissed** by the planning inspector.

- b) **6/2010/0815** - Erect studio extension. Refurbishment and extension of generator house to form ancillary accommodation. Create new driveway. Remove two telegraph poles. Place electricity supply underground. West Holme Manor, West Holme BH20 6AQ. **Approved.**

9 Tree Preservation Order

There is a Tree Preservation Order on the oak tree at Long Coppice, Bindon Lane.

10 Alaska Wind Farm

The list of proposed draft conditions was considered. There are 40 conditions. A comment was made that off-shore Wind Farms would generate more power. The Parish Council asked for the condition of Property Value Guarantee to be included and that insurance is taken out by Infinergy to cover the cost if property values fall. This is not included in the list of draft conditions.

The Planning Board Members should follow the advice of the Planning Officer. Visual amenity cannot be mitigated against as was seen at Silton, North Dorset.

It appears that Infinergy are monitoring themselves e.g. condition 40 “the wind farm operator shall continuously log power production, nacelle wind speed, nacelle wind direction and nacelle orientation at each wind turbine” and will submit the data themselves. The Parish Council feels this data should be collected and submitted by an independent body.

Condition 16. The type of wind turbine should be decided before planning permission is granted

11 Reports from County and District Councillors

a) County Cllr Lovell

- County Cllr Lovell reported that the Highways department is being reviewed. There will be cuts in management as there will be one management instead of the current three.
There will be one person in charge of an area and parishes will contact them to report problems. This person will ensure that any work that needs doing is done.
- The Council Tax for the County Council will remain the same as last year.
- A consultation panel has been set up to look at ways to try and keep the libraries open but still make savings. A report will go to the Overview committee in June and then there will be a consultation with the parishes. Nothing will happen to the library service until next year.
- A group has been set up to look at school crossing patrols.
- A planning application at Masters Pit has been submitted to County.
- Cllr Lovell was asked if he could find out whether the County Council would be providing grit bins for the parishes.

b) District Councillor Quinn

Cllr Barnes read out a report from District Cllr Quinn.

- The PDC budget for 2011-12 has been agreed. Savings will be made by not recruiting for non-essential staff vacancies.
- There will be challenges in 2012-13 with the budget.
- There has been no increase in the Council Tax in Purbeck.
- Cllr Lovell reported that savings will be made by PDC through joining the Waste Partnership. There will be an increase in recycling rates and this will be through the collection of food waste on a weekly basis.

12 Keystone Project update

Nothing further to report.

The panel report has been agreed by the PDC.

The management report has to be finalised and Cllr Quinn will chase Ms Downton on this matter.

13 Police Update

A nasty email was sent to a member of DART. This was looked into and the person who sent it has been spoken to.

PCSO Hann reported that a member of the public in East Stoke reported seeing a suspicious vehicle in the village and informed the Police. PCSO Hann said that this vehicle had not been seen since.

14 Highways Issues

a) Parish Maintenance Unit (PMU)

No jobs.

b) Other Highways Issues

It was reported that there was a water leak at the fork in the road (Manor Lane/Holme Lane).

Action: Cllr Evans will locate the exact position of the water leak and report it to Wessex Water.

c) Traffic monitoring lines Holme/Bindon Lane

The position of the traffic monitoring lines was considered. The Clerk will see if there is anywhere to attach the recording box to near Stud Holme, Holme Lane.

15 East Stoke Crossing Update

Cllr Quinn had spoken to the project manager and hopes that he will come to the April Parish Council meeting.

Action: Cllr Quinn is to produce a list of those who need to attend the meeting with Network Rail about the closure of East Stoke Crossing.

16 Finger post at East Stoke Crossing

The fingerpost has still not been replaced

Action: The Clerk will send a reminder email to Mr Kourik and send a copy to County Cllr Lovell.

17 Planter for War Memorial

This has been ordered from PDC.

18 Fyler and Butler graves

The kerbstone on the Butler grave has been completed. The Clerk has looked at the work and sent the cheque approved at November's meeting to Albert Marsh.

19 Fisherman's Stone bench in Water meadow

Cllr Quinn had spoken to Mr Davy-Bowker who had no objections to moving the bench to the verge by the Mill Stream but the Parish Council would need to ask the land owner's permission (Environment Agency).

Action: The Clerk will contact the Environment Agency to see if they would allow the Fisherman's stone bench to be moved to be by the Mill Stream.

20 Parish Plan Update

The Steering Group needs to be reconvened and an advert will be placed in the Easter Parish Council newsletter.

21 Trees in Church Lane

Church Lane was blocked and cars could not go over the crossing due to a fallen tree.

It was reported that there are more dead elm trees along Church Lane.

Action: Cllr Barnes and Cllr Quinn will look at the trees in Church Lane and report back at the next meeting.

22 Feedback from meetings or training attended

No one had attended any meetings or training courses.

23 Parish Council newsletter

Items for the Easter issue are the Olympics. The Purbeck Food and Drink Directory, residents are to email or write with views on the Environment Agency's plans to allow logs/trees to fall into the river and no more reed cutting. East Stoke Crossing. Police article – evidence of speeding and an advert for the Parish plan Steering Group to be reconvened. Information on the New Forest and Hampshire County Show.

24 Training

a) 'Big Society – Role of Town and Parish Councils' 10th March, £30.00

It was agreed that Cllr Barnes could attend the Big Society event at Athelhampton.

b) Free Community Land Trust Seminar, 17th March

No one wished to attend this event at Bridport.

25 Consultations

a) Investing in Green places

It was agreed that Cllrs would respond as individuals to this consultation. Cllr Barnes read out the covering letter to the consultation so that members of the public knew about this consultation and could respond to it.

26 Correspondence Received

All correspondence had been circulated via email prior to the meeting.

a) Census 2011 Councillors handbook and Census Collectors jobs available in Wool.

b) DCC leaflet on the budget and where savings will be made.

c) Road closure at East Stoke level crossing. The East Stoke crossing will be closed 22.00 hrs, Saturday 19th March until 10.00 hrs, Sunday 27th March.

A query was raised as to why the crossing at East Stoke is closed for a whole week.

d) Queen Elizabeth II Playing Fields

Information on this is to be sent to Mr Kelly as Middlefields may wish to put forward the old playing field to be protected as a Queen Elizabeth II playing field.

e) New Forest Stakeholder Event – 'The Future of the Public Forest Estate in England, A Public Consultation'. This has been cancelled.

f) Public exhibition at Wareham Town Hall on 9th March regarding the Poole Bay, Poole Harbour and Wareham Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy.

27 Risk Assessments and review of Fidelity guarantee insurance

The risk assessment document covering the Parish Council's financial controls was circulated prior to the meeting. The fidelity guarantee insurance does not need to be increased for next year as it is at £100,000.

It was **agreed** that these procedures were in place this financial year.

28 Finance

- a) To consider the following donation requests

- i) Purbeck Film Festival
- ii) Dorset Victim Support
- iii) Citizen's Advice Bureau

Three donation requests had been received. £150.00 was put in this year's budget for donations.

It was resolved to give donations of £50.00 to Purbeck Film Festival and a donation of £100.00 to the Citizen's Advice Bureau.

- b) The receipt of the following was **noted**.

Jane Shipton (Headstone) £104.00

- c) To approve the following payments

Mrs J Wright February/March salary £333.11

It was resolved that the Clerk's salary payment was approved.

It was agreed to defer purchasing grit bins until the autumn when it would be known if the County Council plan to buy grit bins for the parishes.

- d) Quotations for trimming back of the hedge in the Churchyard

Only one quote has been received. The Clerk has contacted Paul Edwards and Chris Holloway for a quote.

Cllr Barnes will obtain another quote for this work.

Action: The Clerk will add this item to the next agenda.

- e) The current Parish Land tender expires on 30th April 2011.

It was agreed that due to maintenance required on the fence that the parish land would go out for tender in September.

Action: The Clerk will write to Dr Lyons about the Parish Council decision to defer the tender for the Parish Land.

29 Matters for discussion and/ or inclusion on next Agenda

A quote of £780.00 had been received from the Young Farmers to replace the fence around the parish land.

The item to consider quotes to replace the parish land fencing will be added to the next agenda

Action: Cllr Barnes will get two further quotes for this work.

30 Date of Annual Parish Meeting and consideration of speaker(s)

This will be held on Monday the 9th May.

All Cllrs are to put forward ideas for a speaker for this event.

31 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 7th April 2011 at 7pm.

Chairman:

Date: